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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF AFTERNOON AND EVENING TRAVELLING  
PRESS REPORTAGE FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 23.

WIRES:

1. REUTER (NELSON FROM LONDON) -- NELSON SAID SECRETARY  
ARRIVED LONDON "WITH A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL PREDICTING  
'A DIFFICULT TRIP' IF AFRICAN LEADERS DEMAND U.S. MILITARY  
AID AGAINST RHODESIA.'

NELSON CONTINUES: "THE OFFICIAL, SPEAKING TO REPORTERS  
ABOARD DR. KISSINGER'S AIRCRAFT, SAID THAT UP TO NOW NO  
AFRICAN COUNTRY HAD ASKED THE UNITED STATES TO GIVE MILITARY  
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ASSISTANCE TO RHODESIA'S BLACK NATIONALIST MOVEMENT. IN

RECENT DAYS, HOWEVER, PRESIDENT KAUNDA OF ZAMBIA HAS SAID THAT WAR IS THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIA DISPUTE. THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL SAID TODAY DR. KISSINGER WOULD BE AN ENEMY OF AFRICA UNLESS HE PLEDGED SOPHISTICATED U.S. WEAPONS FOR THE RHODESIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT. IF THESE ATTITUDES ARE REPEATED IN DR. KISSINGER'S PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH AFRICAN LEADERS OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, THE TRIP WILL BE A DIFFICULT ONE, THE U.S. OFFICIAL SAID. . . . THE SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL REITERATED AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR A BRITISH PROPOSAL FOR MAJORITY RULE IN WHITE-GOVERNED RHODESIA WITHIN 18 MONTHS TO TWO YEARS. THE OFFICIAL ALSO SUBSTANTIALLY MODIFIED A STATEMENT, MADE BY DR. KISSINGER AT A NEWS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY, THAT MAJORITY RULE COULD COME TO RHODESIA WITHIN THE DECADE. IN FACT, THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THE TRANSITION WILL BE MUCH SWIFTER, THE OFFICIAL SAID. . . ."

IN EARLIER ANDREWS DEPARTURE STORY, NELSON WROTE THAT SECRETARY "DECLARED ON LEAVING WASHINGTON THE U.S. SUPPORTED THE OBJECTIVE OF MAJORITY RULE BUT NOT ITS ACHIEVEMENT BY FORCE. . . DR. KISSINGER'S STATEMENT THAT MAJORITY RULE COULD COME TO RHODESIA WITHIN A DECADE WITHOUT WAR PROMPTED SEVERAL AFRICAN EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON TO EXPRESS CONCERN TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT. . . ."

2. UPI (ANDERSON FROM LONDON) -- ANDERSON REPORTED SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL IN LONDON AND WROTE THAT: "OFFICIALS ABOARD THE PLANE SAID KISSINGER HAS NOT RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF GIVING SOME AMERICAN AID TO THE AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. BUT, THESE OFFICIAL SAID, NONE OF THE AFRICAN LEADERS THAT KISSINGER HAS TALKED WITH SO FAR HAS RAISED THE QUESTION OF DIRECT AMERICAN AID TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

3. AP (SCHWEID) -- SCHWEID, IN ANDREWS DEPARTURE STORY, QUOTED SECRETARY'S REPLY BEFORE TAKING OFF TO QUESTION ABOUT U.S. MATCHING SOVIET EFFORTS IN AFRICA; I.E., THAT "WE ARE NOT IN AFRICA TO MATCH SOVIET EFFORTS. WE ARE IN AFRICA FOR OUR OWN PURPOSES. AND I WILL INDICATE WHAT OUR PURPOSES ARE AND WHAT SPECIFIC STEPS WE'RE PREPARED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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TAKE."

TELEVISION:

1. CBS -- NOTHING FROM KALB. CRONKITE HAD BRIEF ONE-LINER THAT SECRETARY MET WITH AMBASSADOR BROWN IN LONDON TONIGHT AND BEGINS SEVEN-NATION AFRICAN TOUR TOMORROW.

2. NBC -- NOTHING ON SECRETARY'S TRIP.

3. ABC -- NO KOPPEL, BUT BRIEF REASONER PIECE:

REASONER: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IS IN LONDON TONIGHT ON HIS WAY TO AFRICA, WHERE HE WILL VISIT 7 BLACK NATIONS FOR THE STATED PURPOSE OF TRYING TO PREVENT A RACIAL WAR, ESPECIALLY IN RHODESIA. BEFORE LEAVING WASHINGTON, KISSINGER SAID HE HOPED TO PERSUADE BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS THAT MAJORITY RULE COULD BE ACHIEVED IN RHODESIA WITHIN 10 YEARS WITHOUT A WAR. UNTIL NOW THE BLACK NATIONALISTS HAVE CALLED FOR MAJORITY RULE WITHIN TWO YEARS. RHODESIA'S WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENT HAS SET THE TIME AT 15 YEARS.

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